

throned that purporters are actually in progress in Paris, but possibly only of a preliminary character and that Copenhagen may be the scene of the first exchanges between representatives of the two powers.

In this connection importance is being attached to the visit of Mr. D'Isidoro, Russian minister at Copenhagen, and Baron Rosen, former Russian minister to Japan, and M. Bombard, the French ambassador to Russia, on Tuesday.

The parties to this conference refuse to attach that significance to the visit of D'Isidoro, in the meantime the foreign office is silent.

STEPS ALREADY TAKEN.

Declared in Paris That Russia Has Made Tentative Movement to End War.

(By Associated Press.)
PARIS, March 25.—It is said in quarters having excellent means of information that Russia's attitude towards peace has already taken a tentative form at a private conference held within recent days at one of the small capitals of Northern Europe.

The purpose of this appears to have been to bring together persons representing both sides, not only to discuss formal terms of peace, but to informally examine what each side expected, and what tentative basis is nearest possible.

The nature of this exchange does not warrant its being considered a definite peace movement, but it is an opportunity to judge the view of the other, and it has clearly shown Russia's disposition towards peace.

CONTINUES RETREAT.

Oyama Said to Have Been Compelled to Relinquish Idea of Pursuit in Force.

(By Associated Press.)
ST. PETERSBURG, March 25.—1:30 P. M.—General Linevitch continues the retreat of the bulk of his army northward. The general staff now declares it is certain that Field Marshal Oyama has been compelled to relinquish the idea of a pursuit in force for the present.

The Japanese forces on the Russian flanks are too light to constitute a serious danger, and a full force of Japanese cavalry is approaching the station of Shumginsk.

There has been no change in the position of the armies during the day.

On March 25 a detachment of Russian cavalry drove back a force of Japanese cavalry approaching the station of Shumginsk.

"Russian cavalry reinforcements were sent there and forced the Japanese, who refused to face a full force of Japanese cavalry, their retreat being covered by infantry."

QUIET AT FRONT.

Oyama Sends Word He Will Enter Kirin on April 10th.

(By Associated Press.)
TUNGSHU PASS, MANCHURIA, March 25.—Evening.—On the front all is quiet. Both sides are busy reorganizing and effecting new concentrations.

A large party of Japanese prisoners passed this place today on the way to Harbin. One of the Japanese is a spy, who was captured in a uniform of the British Siberian Rifle. He will be tried by court martial.

The Chinese governor of Kirin is said to have received letters from Field Marshal Oyama, informing him that the Japanese will enter Kirin on April 10th. The appointment of General Kuropatkin to the command of the first army is proving a source of great satisfaction to soldiers and officers.

Standard Oil Cuts Prices.

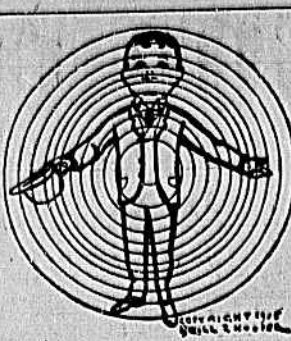
(By Associated Press.)
CHICAGO, KAN., March 25.—The Standard Oil Company cut the price of crude oil to-day for the Kansas field, affecting all grades of oil, two cents.

Bombs in Graveyard.

(By Associated Press.)
WARSAW, March 25 (midnight).—The police discovered eight bombs to-day, hidden in a brick grave in the Powonski Cemetery, in Warsaw.

Judge Quarries Here.

Former Congressman Julian M. Quarries, of Augusta, is in the city on legal business, and is stopping at Murphy's.



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There is some reason why you gain certain advantages by trading here.

One reason is we buy for cash—thus getting an inside price.

We are not "under obligations" to any manufacturers—we advertise no manufacturer.

One manufacturer has made a big success on Top Coats—we buy these. Another manufacturer is famous for Suits with style, to please young men—we carry this line.

Another house is justly famous for Waistcoats. We have selected the gems from this lot—and so it goes. We pick the best there is—and it's here.

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CASTRO LIKELY TO CAUSE BREAK

Venezuelan President Manifests Strong Hostility to American and French Interests.

SANTO DOMINGO SITUATION

Suggested That United States be Designated as Collector of All Customs Duties.

(By Associated Press.)

PARIS, March 25.—An official dispatch from Caracas, Venezuela, says President Castro, who was absent from the capital during the recent supposed amelioration of the situation, has returned and has manifested strong hostility to American and French interests. His attitude, it is added, is particularly menacing against the French Cable Company.

It is premature to say what steps France will take, as the information has just been received, and the officials have not yet had an opportunity to consider it. However, it is likely that their action will depend upon President Castro's putting his menace into effect against the company or the forfeiture of its concession.

No orders for warships to be held in readiness have yet been issued or are contemplated for the present, but there seems to be a growing impression in official quarters that the presence of a warship in Venezuelan water might exercise a salutary influence.

The official statement that President Castro's declaration to arbitrate the American demands was accompanied by a refusal to hold any conversation on the subject.

The French Cable Company has received advice, practically to the same effect. The statement that President Castro's influence will probably cause the court to render final judgment upon the Cable Company's concession early next week.

RELIEVE SITUATION.

Proposed That U. S. Collect All Dominican Customs Duties.

(By Associated Press.)

SANTO DOMINGO, March 25.—In order to meet the fiscal situation it has been proposed by the Dominican government that an American be designated as a commissioner for the collection of all customs duties at Southern ports, forty-five per cent. of such collections being set apart for the expenses of the government and forty-five per cent. less expenses of collection, being deposited in an American bank. Should the convention be ultimately rejected the money is to be divided in just proportion to all creditors, including the Santo Domingo Improvement Company of New York. It is also suggested that the American government take charge of the customs houses at San Pedro de Macoris, a great arbitral award in the Santo Domingo Improvement Company case. It is understood, however, that the improvement company, claiming prior rights, demands that the fifty-five per cent. of the money be collected at the Northern ports be also deposited in an American bank, to await the final disposition of the convention. It is doubtful if any such proposition will be accepted.

Thus far nothing has been decided. The government is desirous of some agreements being reached in order to prevent a difficult situation with American creditors, which might lead to intervention.

And Mr. Allen Potts, of Richmond, a large crowd in vehicles of all descriptions followed as best they could. The hounds found in pine wood, just below the gun traps, and raced away like mad, packing beautifully. Mr. Overby's "Lizzie" led, but every hound was well up, and the pack moved across the open fields like a streak of yellow and white light, and enthusiasm ran high, as the wild shouts of the fox hunters rang pleasantly in the air.

"A hundred dogs bayed deep and strong, Galloped a hundred steeds along; Their pelts the merry horns rung out, A hundred voices joined the shout."

An Obliging Fox.

After a half mile of going, "Louder," belonging to Mr. Sneed, of Boydton, went out to the front, only to be passed by "Broad," as he is known, by the "new mill" meadow. In quick succession "Folly," "Dinah," "Tuttle," "Johnson" and "Teddie" took the lead, but "Broad" and "Lizzie" and "Rouser" were always well up the front, and performed in an excellent and brilliant fashion. The fox made a wild circle, coming back to the Mecklenburg in the most obliging manner, and the hounds actually ran into him on the lawn in front of the hotel. Three hundred guests and visitors saw the lead hound, Mr. Overby's "Lizzie," and that, together with the enormous crowd of riders and the excited baying pack, presented a picture that was full of interest and stirred the blood of old and young alike.

Mr. L. A. Carr, of Durham, was first in the chase, although Dr. Fleming, of Louisville, who was just behind him, rushed in and held up the fox. A very hard riding youngster, Charlie Laird, of Boydton, rode into third place, and to him was given the grinning mask of the good red fox.

Mrs. Moody, of Chesterfield county, again proved herself a hard riding sportsman, being the first lady in after the kill. The brush went to her, and the hounds were presented to Miss Edna Wood, of Clarksville, who rode hard for the coveted brush.

The Greatest Dog.

Immediately after the hunt a meeting was held of all representatives of hunt clubs present, to decide the much discussed question of the superiority of hounds that run during the week. It was agreed by all present that the decision should be by vote, and that this judgment should be absolutely final. Captain T. D. Jeffers, Mayor of Chas. City, and a fox hunter of repute, was called to the chair. A general discussion of the merits of fox hounds followed, and it is only fair to say, in the most fair-minded way, the vote was then taken, with the following results: First place went to Mr. Overby's dog, "Broad," second place to Mr. Overby's dog, "Lizzie," and third place went to Mr. R. W. Elam's dog, "Rouser."

It is no small distinction to win a place in this trio of hound awards, for of the one hundred and thirty-five competitors, every one was picked as the best in their various packs. There were no worthless hounds brought to the meet, for only

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Therefore, when your kidneys are weak or out of order, you can understand how quickly your entire body is affected, and how every organ seems to fail to do its duty.

If you are sick or "feel badly," begin taking the great kidney remedy, Dr. Kilmer's Swamp-Root, because as soon as your kidneys begin to get better they will help all the other organs to health. A trial will convince anyone.

I was out of health and run down generally; had no appetite, was dizzy and suffered with headache most of the time. My kidneys were the cause of my trouble, but somehow I felt that they might be, and I began taking Swamp-Root. There is such a pleasant taste to Swamp-Root, and it is so easy to take, and it drives disease out of the system. It has cured me, making me stronger and better in every way, and I cheerfully recommend it to all sufferers.

Gratefully yours,

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Weak and unhealthy kidneys are responsible for many kinds of diseases, and if permitted to continue much suffering and fatal results are sure to follow. Kidney trouble is the most common cause of dizziness, restlessness, sleeplessness and irritability. Makes you pass water often during the day and obliges you to get up many times during the night. Unhealthy kidneys cause rheumatism, gravel, catarrh of the bladder, pain or dull ache in the back, joints and muscles; make your head ache and back ache, induce indigestion, stomach and liver trouble, you get a yellow, yellow complexion, make you feel as though you had heart trouble; you may have plenty of ambition, but no strength; get weak and waste away.

The cure for these troubles is Dr. Kilmer's Swamp-Root, the world-famous kidney remedy. In taking Swamp-Root you afford natural help to Nature, for Swamp-Root is the most perfect healer and gentle aid to the kidneys that is known to medical science.

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If there is any doubt in your mind as to your condition, take from your urine on rising about four ounces, place it in a glass or bottle and let it stand twenty-four hours. If on examination it is milky or cloudy, if there is a brick-dust settling, or if small particles float to the bottom, your kidneys are in need of immediate attention.

Swamp-Root is pleasant to take and is used in the leading hospitals, recommended by physicians in their private practice, and is taken by doctors themselves who have kidney ailments, because they recognize in it the greatest natural and successful remedy for kidney, liver and bladder troubles.

EDITORIAL NOTE.—So successful is Swamp-Root in promptly curing even the most distressing cases of kidney, liver or bladder troubles, that to prove its wonderful merits we may have a sample bottle and a book of valuable information, both sent absolutely free by mail. The book contains many of the thousands upon thousands of testimonial letters received from men and women cured. The value and success of Swamp-Root is so well known that our readers are advised to send for a sample bottle. In sending your address to Dr. Kilmer & Co., Birmingham, N. Y., be sure to say you read this generous offer in the Richmond Sunday Times-Dispatch. The genuineness of this offer is guaranteed.

cracks of the first flight had any chance in such hot country.

"Broad" the winner, is out of Valentine; by Broadnax Spott; "Lizzie" is out of Mary, by Tiggle Dore, and "Rouser" is out of Tiggle Dore, and "Tuttle" is out of Tiggle Dore.

The first prize winner is a hound of rare conformation, as large and full of power as an English hound, and possessing all the grace and activity of the American strain. He is marked with the broad white spots of the famous Broadnax breed.

To-night the Mecklenburg is almost deserted, as far as sportsmen are concerned, although a large number of guests remain. All during the afternoon the front piazza is crowded with people to listen to the sounds of the fox horns sounded by the masters, who, with their servants, were carrying hounds home.

An especially pleasing sight was that of Mr. Edward Overby, master of the Boydton pack, who, mounted on a black hunter, rode in front of his pack of thirty-nine picked hounds. He was loudly cheered by the people, who were so greatly indebted to him for the rare sport that has been enjoyed during the week.

One of the notable figures of this gathering has been Mr. Sneed, of Boydton, a gentleman who has grown gray in the killing of foxes, the rearing of hounds, the racing of horses, the lighting of fireworks, and in all the sports of the South. He is a hound that does not course faster when sport is mentioned. He belongs to the old-fashioned school of sportsmen, that scorn the modern march of things and clings to the forms and fashion of his boyhood days.

Mr. Sneed, of the Deep Run Hunt Club, showed him an English hunting horn. "This is the kind of horn you ought to use," said the young man. "That old-fashioned cow horn of yours is out of date." "The old one is good enough for me," replied the old sportsman, "but I haven't any objection to my negro huntsman using one like yours." The laugh was all on the young man of pink coats, top boots and snip seed bugs.

To Breed Foxes.

The association organized last night for the furtherance of the sport of fox hunting has determined to purchase and run out this neighborhood a large number of foxes. This will insure sport of the very highest character, and will attract even a larger number of sportsmen for next year's meet than has assembled during the present week.

There is every reason to believe that practically all the large hunts of Maryland, Pennsylvania, New York and Massachusetts will be represented next year. The plan is to fox hunt in the early morning and to hold an amateur race meet during the afternoon, when the best of blood and flat races will be run. There will also be a hound trial and a bonfire show. This is a look into the future, but for the present it can be said, in the language of one of the most notable fox hunters who rode during the week, "There has been during this meet an utter lack of bad feeling, and while the keenest competition has been waged, it has only existed for the furtherance of sport and in a manner honorable to sportsmen. The best does in my opinion were awarded the prizes, but next year I expect to see a great improvement in every direction."

The meet is over, fox hunters have departed, but there remains in the memory of every one who took part in the sport a recollection of a week well spent in the company of a host of Virginia gentlemen, who delighted not so much in pleasing themselves as in finding pleasure for their guests. With a combined pack of hounds, the like of which Virginia now living have never seen within the boundaries of the Old Dominion.

Meetings This Week.

The following municipal meetings are scheduled for the week:
Monday.—Committee on Finance, 8 P. M.; Committee on Printing, 8 P. M.; Committee on Ordinances, 8 P. M.
Tuesday.—Committee on Streets and Electricity, 8 P. M.

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MORE CHANGES MAY BE COMING

Impossible, However, to Learn Anything Definite About Virginia Offices.

SLEMP CANNOT OUST MOORE

President Follows the Advice of Southern Referees Only When He Wants to Do So.

(From Our Regular Correspondent.)

WASHINGTON, D. C., March 25.—It is impossible to learn anything quite definite concerning changes which are contemplated in the Federal official positions in Virginia. The announcement, semi-official in character, made at the White House this week that General Rogers, who was made postmaster at Charlottesville a few weeks ago, would be made marshal of the western district when the term of S. Brown Allen expires was the most interesting thing Virginia Republicans had heard since Morgan Treat was removed from the marshaling of the eastern district and his place given to Captain Stuart. The announcement has had the effect of stirring up applicants for the postmastership, of whom there were quite a number when General Rogers walked away with the prize.

Rogers Likely to Lose Place.

It is still believed Captain Asa Rogers will lose the place of collector of internal revenue for the Richmond district. The name of his successor, whether Dyer, Lowry or Allan, is not hinted at with sufficient clearness to justify a safe prediction. It is pretty safe, however, to say it will not be Mr. Allan. The latter, despite the fact that he got more votes as a candidate for Congress than were got by any other Republican candidate against Captain Rogers last fall, is not in the good graces of the organization, either in Virginia or in Washington. Mr. Allan appears to have had hard luck in that he had so much opposition of a factional character to contend with. The trouble appears to be that he told his hard luck stories to ears into which they should never have been poured. Hard luck political stories do not make a great impression upon the average politician.

While there is small room for doubt that Mr. Slemp, father and son, would like to see the position of Moore of the western district, there is as little ground for believing that they will be able to do anything of the kind. The place is Mr. Moore's for another four years, if he wants it. There is little doubt, by the way, that Mr. Moore, who is a native of Floyd county, is a native of Floyd county. It is said that the influence of Admiral Evans was chiefly responsible for the appointment of Mr. Moore in the first instance. It is also said that the influence of the Admiral made it sure there will be no change in the district attorneyship this year. This is but another illustration of the fact, oft asserted, that Mr. Slemp is not all powerful in matters affecting Republican patronage in Virginia.

Does as He Pleases.

It is true, apparently, that as a rule the President follows the recommendations made by the Republican referees in the Southern States, but there are times when he takes matters in his own hands and suits himself alone in making selections for Federal places. An instance of this is found in his appointment of Hon. Carter Glass to the position of district attorney in Georgia. Of course, the appointment of a prominent Democratic congressman to such a position was very disgruntling to the Republicans of the Cracker State.

No more pleasing to the Republican managers in Georgia is the announcement made by the President that he would appoint Mrs. John B. Gordon to the postmastership of Atlanta. It is also said to accept the place. This is one of the heart-breaking to the Republican leaders of Georgia to see it go to the widow of a Democratic senator. It is not known that Mrs. Gordon desires the position, but the President has seen that she knows she may have it if she will accept.

Politicians Disgruntled.

The tendency of the President to disregard the politicians when making selections for offices is variously viewed here. Some Republicans say outright that it will have a bad effect upon party prospects in the South. They think the referees are in a far better position to know the claims of individuals for places, and by familiarity with conditions, locally, can make selections which will place the offices where they will do the most good for the party, by rewarding party workers. The President's apologist insists that his course, in giving the office to the best men, without reference to party services, and of appointing a Democrat occasionally, will make for the good of the Republican party in the South. The average standard of character of this class of officials has not been high in times past, and it is argued that as the better class of the voters of the South judged the Republican party then by the kind of men in the Federal offices, so will they judge it now, and better men will vote the Republican ticket. There may be something in this mode of reasoning. The President of these